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INTRODUCTION

- A low cost of living
- Short, stress-free commutes (20 minutes on average)
- Crime rates much lower than most of the nation
- Affordable housing, transportation, and healthcare
- Great educational opportunities — we have 17 colleges here
- An abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities
- Great venues for shopping and dining
- A vibrant musical and theater scene
- Quick access to major cities such as New York and Philadelphia

INTRODUCTION

Comprised of cities like Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Scranton, Hazleton, and hundreds of smaller communities, Northeastern Pennsylvania (NEPA) is a unique combination of modern businesses and historical sites—a place that is open to new ideas, but brimming with deep rooted traditions. You can choose an urban life in a loft apartment or in a Victorian home in the city, a suburban life in an established neighborhood or in a brand new development, or a rural life with acres of beautiful land. All these choices are within minutes of each other.

You can live an active life in NEPA — our sports venues and outdoor recreation sites prove it. The region is home to the AAA affiliate of the New York Yankees and the AHL affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins. Fans of golf and NASCAR are equally satisfied as national competition

in both sports are held here. But more than that, NEPA offers important advantages for everyone.

This Community Profile was prepared by **Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services**, NEPA's premier, full-service commercial real estate company. Mericle has developed approximately 19 million square feet of industrial, office, flex, and medical space in NEPA. Those buildings provide homes for hundreds of companies that together employ more than 13,400 people.

Mericle is very proud to call NEPA home and would be pleased to help you locate your business here. Just call **570.823.1100** or visit **mericle.com**.

LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

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One of NEPA's greatest assets is its excellent transportation network. Five major highways – **I-81, I-80, I-84, I-380, and I-476** – meet here and provide quick access to the Northeast's major metro areas. There are no major bridges or tunnels in the region to delay truck traffic. The average commute to work is about 20 minutes.

More than 51 million people live within 200 miles of NEPA and more than 83 million live within 400 miles. New York City, Philadelphia, and Harrisburg can all be reached in about two hours.

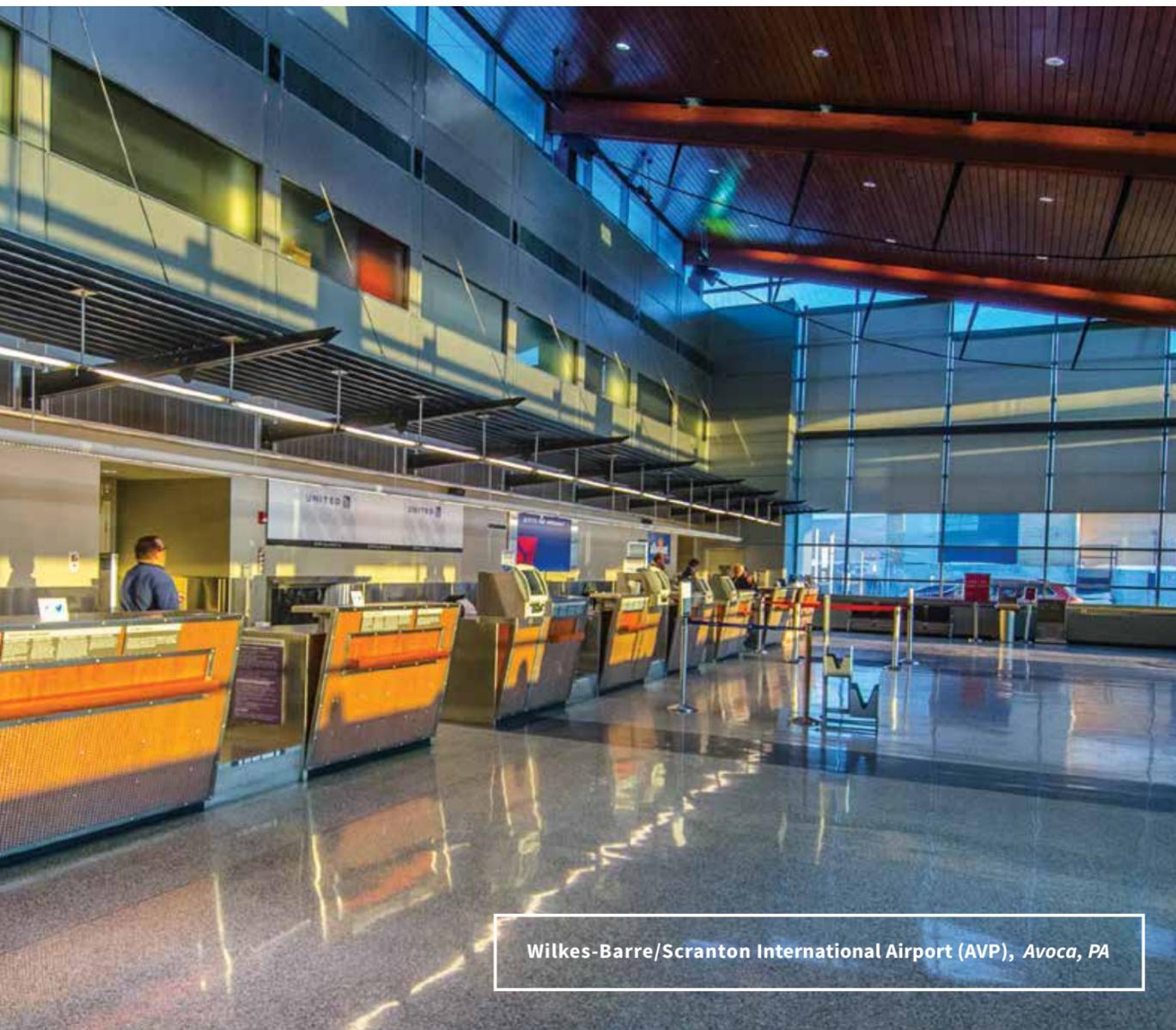
NEPA, also known as the Northern I-81 Corridor, is quickly accessible to most major seaports along the East Coast, which are predicted to experience increased volume once infrastructure upgrades to the Panama Canal are complete. Upgrades to the Canal will allow for the passage of "post-Panamax" ships with a capacity to carry 14,000 containers (three times more than a ship can currently carry through the Canal).

In addition to its excellent highway network, NEPA is served by several airports, a nationally known bus line, and several main line and short line railroads.

DISTANCE FROM CENTER OF NEPA TO KEY CITIES

MILES





Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP), Avoca, PA

AIR SERVICE

NEPA's main airport is the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP), which is located in Avoca, between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. AVP offers approximately 40 daily arrivals and departures to seven major hubs with one-stop service to more than 450 destinations worldwide. AVP provides direct daily flights to Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Newark, Orlando, Philadelphia, and Tampa. Carriers include Allegiant, Delta Connection, United Express, and US Airways Express. AVP is also served by Aviation Technologies, Inc., one of the finest fixed base operators in the Northeastern United States. For more info, visit flyavp.com.

Other airports serving the area include:

- Hazleton Municipal Airport
- Lehigh Valley International Airport
- Nicholson Airport
- Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport
- Seaman's Airport/Endless Mountain Air, Inc.
- Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley Airport

BUS SERVICE

Martz Trailways is headquartered in Wilkes-Barre and operates six major motor coach companies. Martz has bus stops at several locations in NEPA including Downtown Scranton, Downtown Wilkes-Barre, the Wyoming Valley Mall (suburban Wilkes-Barre), and the Poconos.

RAIL SERVICE

NEPA receives freight service from Class One and short line railroads. Numerous business parks are served by rail. Providers include:

CLASS ONE RAILROADS

- **Norfolk Southern Railway (NS)** provides transportation in 22 states and operates more than 20,000 route miles. In addition, NS provides service to the major Eastern seaports and various river and lake ports.
- **Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR)** provides transportation to numerous major cities on the East Coast of the United States and many in Canada. CPR is an independent company that spans across 14,000 miles.

SHORT LINES

- **Luzerne & Susquehanna Railroad** also known as **LSX**, has grown to maintain 2,200 carloads annually. LSX operates more than 60 miles of track in NEPA.
- **Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad** is the largest privately owned railroad in the Commonwealth. It operates a 320-mile regional rail system in nine counties in Eastern Pennsylvania.
- **PA Northeast Regional Railroad Authority** operates a 100+ mile regional rail system with freight service across NEPA.

*In November, 2014, Norfolk Southern Corp. (NS) and the Delaware & Hudson Railway Co. (D&H), a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) announced a proposed transaction under which NS would acquire 282.55 miles of D&H rail line between Sunbury, PA, and Schenectady, NY, including the segment that serves Northeastern Pennsylvania. The transaction was completed in May 2015.



LABOR

NEPA is nationally known for its dedicated and highly productive workforce. In fact, esteemed national site selection consultant John Rhodes of Moran, Stahl & Boyer said,

“ It’s almost like Northeast PA defines what work ethic is. People come to work with an eagerness and a willingness to get the job done. ”

LABOR

LABOR MIX

NEPA has a fairly diversified employment breakdown. The following are 2014 statistics for both Lackawanna and Luzerne counties.

| SECTOR | PERSONS EMPLOYED |
|--|------------------|
| Healthcare & social assistance | 44,142 |
| Retail trade | 31,210 |
| Manufacturing | 25,064 |
| Accommodation & food services | 20,110 |
| Educational services | 19,955 |
| Transportation & warehousing | 18,317 |
| Admin, support, waste mgmt, remediation | 16,741 |
| Wholesale trade | 10,139 |
| Finance & insurance | 9,760 |
| Public administration | 9,009 |
| Construction | 8,827 |
| Professional, scientific, & technical svc. | 7,653 |
| Other services (except public admin.) | 6,745 |
| Information | 4,593 |
| Management of companies & enterprises | 2,950 |
| Arts, entertainment, & recreation | 2,607 |
| Utilities | 2,316 |
| Real estate rental & leasing | 1,575 |
| Mining | 536 |
| Forestry, fishing, & related activities | 161 |

Source: paworkstats.geosolinc.com

MANUFACTURING COMPANIES WITH AT LEAST 250 EMPLOYEES

| COMPANY | PRODUCTS | COUNTY |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Arlington Industries | Electrical fittings | Lackawanna |
| BAE Systems | Combat helmets, armor | Lackawanna |
| Bemis Company, Inc. | Polyfilm | Luzerne |
| Bimbo Bakeries | Bakery products | Luzerne |
| Bridon American Corp. | Wire and wire rope | Luzerne |
| Cargill Meat Solutions | Meat processing | Luzerne |
| Certech | Ceramics | Luzerne |
| Cornell Iron Works | Steel rolling doors | Luzerne |
| CPG International | Polyethylene slabs | Lackawanna |
| Fabri-Kal Corp. | Packaging | Luzerne |
| First Quality Nonwovens | Nonwoven fabric | Luzerne |
| General Dynamics | Military tanks, shells | Lackawanna |
| Gentex Corp. | Protective products | Lackawanna |
| Gertrude Hawk Chocolates | Chocolate | Lackawanna |
| Golden Technologies | Home healthcare, scooters | Lackawanna |
| Hershey Company | Molded chocolate | Luzerne |
| Indalex | Anodized extrusions | Luzerne |
| InterMetro Industries Corp. | Wire storage, storage | Luzerne |
| Lockheed Martin | Nuclear components | Lackawanna |
| Maid-Rite Specialty Foods | Portion control meats | Lackawanna |
| Mission Foods | Tortillas | Luzerne |
| Offset Paperback | Book printing | Luzerne |
| Pride Mobility Products | Wheelchairs and scooters | Luzerne |
| Procter & Gamble | Paper products | Wyoming |
| Quaker Oats (QTG) | Beverages | Luzerne |
| Quebecor World | Telephone directories | Luzerne |
| Sandvik Steel, Inc. | Seamless tubes | Lackawanna |
| Sanofi Pasteur | Vaccines | Monroe |
| Schott North America | Optical, ophthalmic glasses | Lackawanna |
| Scranton Times-Tribune | Newspapers | Lackawanna |
| Simmons Company | Mattresses | Luzerne |
| Simplex Industries | Modular homes | Lackawanna |
| Tobyhanna Army Depot | Electronics | Monroe |
| Trion Industries | Store fixtures | Luzerne |

OFFICE COMPANIES WITH AT LEAST 250 EMPLOYEES

| COMPANY | PRODUCTS | COUNTY |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Altria | Food products | Luzerne |
| Bank of America | Financial services | Lackawanna |
| Cigna Insurance Co. | Health insurance | Lackawanna |
| EDM Americas | Document management | Lackawanna |
| Frontier Communications | Telecommunications | Luzerne |
| Geisinger Health Systems | Healthcare | Lackawanna |
| Genpact | Financial information | Luzerne |
| Guard Insurance | Insurance | Luzerne |
| Highmark Inc. | Health insurance | Luzerne |
| Maximus | Health claims appeals | Luzerne |
| MetLife | Computer center | Lackawanna |
| Penn Foster Career School | Distance education | Lackawanna |
| Prudential | Insurance | Luzerne |
| RCN | Telecommunications svcs. | Luzerne |
| Sallie Mae/Navient | Student loans | Luzerne |
| Teleryx | Financial services | Luzerne |
| TMG Health | Medicare/Medicaid | Lackawanna |
| U.S. Social Security Adm. | Data center | Luzerne |
| UPS Supply Chain Solutions | National accounting | Lackawanna |

WAREHOUSING & DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES WITH AT LEAST 250 EMPLOYEES

| COMPANY | PRODUCTS | COUNTY |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Amazon.com | Various | Luzerne |
| American Eagle Outfitters | Apparel | Luzerne |
| AutoZone | Auto parts, supplies | Luzerne |
| Benco Dental Supply | Dental supplies | Luzerne |
| Bradley Caldwell | Hardware, farm, pet supplies | Luzerne |
| Dollar Tree Stores | Various | Columbia |
| Johnson & Johnson (Genco) | Health and medical supplies | Monroe |
| The Home Depot | Home products | Luzerne |
| Kane Warehousing | 3PL - Various | Lackawanna |
| Keystone Automotive Oper. | Aftermarket auto parts | Luzerne |
| Lord & Taylor | Apparel | Luzerne |
| Lowe's Companies | Home products | Luzerne |
| McLane Company | Food | Lackawanna |
| Men's Wearhouse | Men's apparel | Luzerne |
| Michael's Stores | Handcraft products | Schuylkill |
| Sears Logistics Svcs. | Various retail products | Luzerne |
| T.J. Maxx | Apparel | Luzerne |



LABOR AVAILABILITY

Despite strong growth in several business sectors since 2000, NEPA's unemployment rate continues to run higher than state and national averages.

The following table compares combined statistics for Lackawanna and Luzerne counties to those for the state and nation. The rates are seasonally adjusted and have been rounded.

| YEAR | NEPA CIV. LABOR FORCE | EMP. | UNEMP. | NEPA RATE % | PA RATE % | US RATE % |
|------|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2015 | 267,700 | 252,200 | 15,900 | 5.8% | 5.4% | 5.5% |
| 2014 | 260,900 | 242,300 | 18,700 | 7.2% | 5.6% | 6.3% |
| 2013 | 270,800 | 245,300 | 25,600 | 9.5% | 7.9% | 7.6% |
| 2012 | 270,300 | 244,800 | 25,500 | 9.4% | 7.6% | 8.2% |
| 2011 | 264,600 | 239,800 | 24,700 | 9.3% | 7.9% | 8.9% |

Source: www.paworkstats.state.pa.us

LABOR RATES

Overall average wages per job in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties are compared below to the Pennsylvania counties that compete with NEPA for business.

| PA COUNTY | REGION | AVG. WAGE PER JOB |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Lackawanna | Northeast PA | \$39,780 |
| Luzerne | Northeast PA | \$40,144 |
| Berks | Lehigh Valley | \$47,476 |
| Lehigh | Lehigh Valley | \$53,560 |
| Northampton | Lehigh Valley | \$45,812 |
| Dauphin | Greater Harrisburg | \$51,740 |
| Lancaster | Greater Harrisburg | \$44,408 |
| Lebanon | Greater Harrisburg | \$40,092 |
| York | Greater Harrisburg | \$45,500 |
| Bucks | Greater Philadelphia | \$52,104 |
| Delaware | Greater Philadelphia | \$56,368 |
| Chester | Greater Philadelphia | \$69,316 |
| Montgomery | Greater Philadelphia | \$65,624 |

Source: www.bea.gov

For more information about wage rates, occupational breakdowns, unemployment rates, etc., please visit the Center for Workforce Information and Analysis Website at www.paworkstats.state.pa.us.

POPULATION

The following statistics represent a 30 miles radius from the center of the region.

| | TOTAL | % |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| POPULATION | 686,573 | --- |
| Under 10 Years | 70,937 | 10.33 |
| Age 10-19 | 84,014 | 12.24 |
| Age 20-29 | 86,002 | 12.53 |
| Age 30-39 | 76,453 | 11.14 |
| Age 40-49 | 89,356 | 13.01 |
| Age 50-59 | 101,993 | 14.86 |
| Age 60-64 | 46,884 | 6.83 |
| Age 65+ | 130,934 | 19.07 |

| SEX | Male | Female |
|-----|----------------|----------------|
| | 49.26% | 50.74% |
| | 338,217 | 348,356 |

Source: www.pasitesearch.com

EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

| | TOTAL | % |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------|
| POPULATION AGE 25+ | 576,567 | --- |
| < Grade 9 | 29,515 | 5.12 |
| Grade 9-12 | 74,104 | 12.85 |
| High School | 194,548 | 33.74 |
| Some College | 88,509 | 15.35 |
| Assoc. Degree | 42,588 | 7.39 |
| Bach. Degree | 67,552 | 11.72 |
| Grad. Degree | 79,751 | 13.83 |

Source: www.pasitesearch.com

INCOME

2013 PER CAPITA INCOME

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Luzerne County | \$39,621 |
| Lackawanna County | \$41,428 |
| Pennsylvania | \$46,202 |
| United States | \$44,765 |

Source: www.bea.gov

2009 - 2013 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Luzerne County | \$44,402 |
| Lackawanna County | \$46,044 |
| Pennsylvania | \$52,548 |
| United States | \$53,046 |

Source: quickfacts.census.gov

COST OF LIVING

It costs less to live in NEPA than in most other major metro areas in the Northeast US. Housing costs in NEPA are especially affordable. A score of 100 indicates the US average.

| METRO AREA | OVERALL COST OF LIVING SCORE | HOUSING INDEX |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|
| Nassau-Suffolk (Long Island), NY | 155 | 210 |
| Stamford-Norwalk, CT | 152 | 222 |
| Westchester County, NY | 149 | 190 |
| Washington DC - Arlington/Alexandria, VA | 148 | 177 |
| Boston, Cambridge, Quincy, MA | 144 | 168 |
| New York, NY | 144 | 168 |
| Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY | 132 | 140 |
| Hartford, CT | 120 | 123 |
| Syracuse, NY | 116 | 95 |
| Baltimore-Towson, MD | 115 | 135 |
| Bergen-Passaic, NJ | 114 | 161 |
| Philadelphia, PA | 114 | 116 |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA | 108 | 109 |
| NEPA | 101 | 82 |

Source: http://cost-of-living.findthebest.com/

HOUSING

Between May 30, 2013 and June 30, 2014, just less than 2,000 single-family homes were sold in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties with a sales price breakdown as follows.

| NUMBER OF BEDROOMS | HOMES SOLD | MEAN PRICE | MEDIAN PRICE |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 2 or less | 260 | \$75,957 | \$63,500 |
| 3 | 1,101 | \$105,337 | \$202,495 |
| 4 or more | 604 | \$202,495 | \$173,000 |

Source: www.flexmls.com

DEMOGRAPHICS & COST OF LIVING

Northeastern Pennsylvania features four seasons of weather. The average daily high in the summer is in the low **80s** with the temperature reaching **90** or above **15** to **20** times per year. The average summer low at night is in the mid to high **50s**. The average annual snowfall is **46.2 inches**. There are **139 days** of precipitation in a typical year. The first frost usually occurs in mid-October, and the last freeze most often happens in late April.

| MONTH | AVG. HIGH TEMP | AVG. LOW TEMP | AVG. PRECIPITATION | AVG. SNOWFALL |
|-----------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| January | 34.5 | 17.2 | 2.5" | 14.2" |
| February | 37.2 | 17.6 | 2.3" | 9.3" |
| March | 47.4 | 25.9 | 3.2" | 9.0" |
| April | 60.8 | 35.1 | 3.3" | 3.3" |
| May | 72.3 | 44.6 | 3.7" | ---- |
| June | 80.5 | 54.0 | 3.9" | ---- |
| July | 84.0 | 58.6 | 3.8" | ---- |
| August | 82.2 | 57.3 | 3.5" | ---- |
| September | 74.8 | 50.6 | 3.1" | ---- |
| October | 63.4 | 39.7 | 3.0" | 0.1" |
| November | 50.3 | 31.6 | 3.0" | 2.9" |
| December | 38.1 | 22.6 | 2.6" | 7.4" |

Sources: www.weatherbase.com and www.currentresults.com



CLIMATE



SAFETY

The list below compares violent crime in Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, and Hazleton – NEPA’s largest cities – to that of other major Northeast US cities. The crime indices range from 1 to 100. A higher number corresponds with more crime. Crime rates are based on FBI data.

| | | | |
|------------------|------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Wilmington, DE | 95.2 | Syracuse, NY | 78.4 |
| Harrisburg, PA | 95.0 | Boston, MA | 76.8 |
| Baltimore, MD | 91.4 | Pittsburgh, PA | 76.1 |
| Trenton, NJ | 91.2 | New York, NY | 63.5 |
| Cleveland, OH | 89.5 | Wilkes-Barre, PA | 59.7 |
| Hartford, CT | 89.4 | Hazleton, PA | 56.5 |
| Washington D.C. | 87.1 | Scranton, PA | 52.2 |
| Philadelphia, PA | 86.5 | | |

The following table compares crime rates for the United States to rates for Mountain Top, Dallas, and South Abington Township – three of NEPA’s fastest growing suburban communities.

| | MOUNTAIN TOP | DALLAS | SOUTH ABINGTON TWP. | US |
|----------|--------------|--------|---------------------|------|
| Violent | 18.7 | 26.6 | 26.7 | 41.4 |
| Property | 16.2 | 21.7 | 18.4 | 43 |

Source: www.bestplaces.net

EDUCATION

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Northeastern Pennsylvania has a reputation for excellence in education. Our students receive specialized attention from pre-school, through K-12 and college, and on to graduate school.

Millions of dollars have been invested in NEPA's schools and in new technology. Class sizes are small – our average student/teacher ratio is just 16 to 1 – and our average graduating class size is 200. Advanced placement, gifted programs, and special education services are offered by most local school districts.

- There are more than **83,000** students enrolled in grades K – 12 throughout the immediate Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area and close to **275,000** students in the **20** Pennsylvania counties covered by Mericle's brokerage division.
- High school graduation rates in Northeastern Pennsylvania average **91%** compared to the state average of **86.4%**. In fact, **22** out of **24** public high schools in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties have graduation rates higher than the state average.
- Approximately **80%** of local high school graduates enroll in college versus the **77.1%** state average.
- Wilkes-Barre is one of the **30** least expensive places to go to college in the US. Student housing is **30%** of the national average.

K-12, PUBLIC, & PRIVATE

Public school districts in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties include:

- Abington Heights School District
- Carbondale Area School District
- Crestwood School District
- Dallas School District
- Dunmore School District
- Greater Nanticoke School District
- Hanover Area School District
- Greater Hazleton Area School District
- Lake Lehman School District
- Lakeland School District
- Mid Valley School District
- North Pocono School District
- Northwest Area School District
- Old Forge School District
- Pittston Area School District
- Riverside School District
- Scranton School District
- Valley View School District
- Wilkes-Barre Area School District
- Wyoming Area School District
- Wyoming Valley West School District

The Diocese of Scranton manages more than 20 Catholic elementary schools and high schools in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties. NEPA is also home to several excellent private and charter schools. Some of the more notable are:

- Abington Christian Academy
- Bais Yaakov of Scranton
- Bear Creek Community Charter School
- Bnos Yisroel High School
- Fell Charter Elementary School
- Howard Gardner School
- Immanuel Christian School
- MMI Preparatory School
- Milton Eisner Yeshiva High School
- Scranton Hebrew Day School K-8
- Scranton Preparatory School
- The Scranton School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
- United Hebrew Institute
- Wyoming Seminary
- Yeshiva Bais Moshe



Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, PA



Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA



MMI Preparatory Schools, Freeland, PA



The Commonwealth Medical College, Scranton, PA

HIGHER EDUCATION

There are 17 colleges and university campuses with close to 55,000 enrolled students within an hour's drive of the center of NEPA. This network of higher education provides an invaluable resource for employers and their employees, offering ample opportunity for co-ops, continuing education, customized job training, internships, and recruiting.

Area colleges often work together to custom design the training programs needed by our employers. A variety of grant programs are available to help companies lessen their training expenses. There are 17 higher education institutions located in NEPA.

- Bloomsburg University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Johnson College
- Keystone College
- Kings College
- Lackawanna College
- Luzerne County Community College
- Marywood University
- Misericordia University
- Northampton Community College (Monroe Campus)
- Penn State Hazleton
- Penn State Wilkes-Barre
- Penn State Worthington Scranton Campus
- Summit University
- The Commonwealth Medical College
- University of Scranton
- Wilkes University

TRAINING & TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Specialized training is also available to area residents at several vocational and technical schools. These include:

- Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County
- Fortis
- Hazleton Area Career Center
- ITT Technical Institute
- McCann School of Business and Technology
- New Horizons Computer Learning Center
- West Side AVTS
- Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center



HEALTHCARE

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NEPA has an excellent healthcare system. With numerous award winning hospitals and specialty care providers, NEPA residents have abundant resources available for their health-care needs. Some of NEPA's premier providers include:

ALLIED SERVICES

Allied Services is a leading provider for Pennsylvania residents with disabilities and chronic illness. With a 53-year history, Allied's 3,200 employees and volunteers have a commitment to excellence throughout their entire health care system. With rehabilitation hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, behavioral health and developmental disability programs, home care, specialty, or vocational programs, Allied provides the region with a wide array of medical services.

Allied's John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation in Wilkes-Barre is an inpatient rehabilitation hospital specializing in recovery from amputations, brain injury, neurological disorders, orthopedic conditions, spinal cord injury, and stroke care. It is equipped with 71 beds.

CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL

Clarks Summit State Hospital is an extended stay acute care psychiatric hospital serving 11 counties in NEPA. The facility is located approximately eight miles north of Scranton in a suburban setting. The hospital is part of a continuum of care that provides individualized psychiatric treatment for adults with serious and persistent mental illness.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

Community Health Systems, Inc. (CHS) is one of the nation’s leading operators of general acute care hospitals. The organization’s affiliates own, operate, or lease 207 hospitals in 29 states with approximately 31,100 licensed beds. CHS operates seven hospitals throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. These include Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, First Hospital Wyoming Valley, Moses Taylor Hospital, Regional Hospital of Scranton, Berwick Hospital Center, and Tyler Memorial Hospital.

COMMONWEALTH MEDICAL COLLEGE

The Commonwealth Medical College (TCMC) is one of the nation’s newest fully-accredited medical colleges and offers a community-based model of medical education with three regional campuses - North (Scranton), South (Wilkes-Barre), and West (Williamsport). The College attracts students from within its 17 county region, as well as across Pennsylvania and the nation, who are interested in studying evidence and community-based medicine and who have a strong desire to serve their community. TCMC offers a Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program and a Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBS) Program.

GEISINGER HEALTH SYSTEM

As one of the nation’s largest rural health services organizations, Geisinger serves more than 2.6 million residents throughout 44 counties in Central and Northeast Pennsylvania.

Geisinger’s Health System and Health Plan are nationally recognized for integration, quality, and service. Its physician-led system is comprised of more than 21,000 employees, including a 1,100-member multi-specialty group practice, eight hospital campuses, two research centers, and a 467,000-member health plan, making Geisinger a major contributor to both the economic and medical health of the region.



“ We have virtually no absenteeism because our employees are so committed to making life better for our patients. All of them understand that when you get into healthcare, you have to put patients first - it just comes with the territory. ”

HARMAR D. BRERETON, NEPA M.D.

LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK

Lehigh Valley Health Network, with its more than 13,000 professionals, serves the Greater Hazleton area with exceptional medical service. Three full-service hospitals, including the Children’s Hospital at Lehigh Valley Hospital, offer a strong health care system for NEPA residents.

SAINT JOSEPH’S CENTER

Through pregnancy, family and adoption services, outpatient therapy, and extensive residential and community-based programs for children and adults diagnosed with intellectual disability, St. Joseph’s Center of Scranton serves hundreds of people throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania on a daily basis.

WILKES-BARRE VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

The Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center, located in Wilkes-Barre, is a complexity Level 2 teaching hospital, which provides a full range of patient care services. Comprehensive healthcare is provided through primary and tertiary care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, oncology, dentistry, hematology, and nephrology. Additionally, geriatrics and extended care services are offered including long term care, telemedicine, respite, dementia, rehabilitation, hospice, transitional care, and a variety of home care services.

The medical center has 68 operating hospital beds (including 10 Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Programs), plus 105 operating Community Living Center beds.



SHOPPING & DINING

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Northeastern Pennsylvania has numerous shopping malls, lifestyle centers, outlets, and specialty retailers that cater to all types of tastes and budgets. Whether you are looking for a department store or a day-long excursion to the discount outlets, you can find it here. The area is spotted with small antique shops, flea and farmers markets, and boutiques. Not only are there numerous shopping options within NEPA, but the King of Prussia Mall – one of the largest and most iconic malls in the nation – is less than a two hour drive. Some of the notable shopping venues in the area include:

- Arena Hub Plaza, Wilkes-Barre Township
 - Crossings Premium Outlets, Tannersville
 - The Mall at Steamtown, Scranton
 - Shoppes at Montage, Moosic
 - Viewmont Mall, Dickson City
 - Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes-Barre Township
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Some of the nationally known retailers with stores and outlets in NEPA include:

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abercrombie & Fitch | Finish Line | Nautica |
| American Eagle Outfitters | Foot Locker | New Balance |
| Banana Republic | Forever 21 | Nike Factory Store |
| Barnes & Noble | Francesca's Collection | Old Navy |
| Bath & Body Works | GameStop | PacSun |
| BCBG Max Azria | Gap | Radio Shack |
| Bed Bath & Beyond | Gymboree | Sephora |
| Bon-Ton | Hollister | Shoe Dept. |
| Boscov's | J. Crew | T.J. Maxx |
| Calvin Klein | JC Penney | Target |
| Charlotte Russe | Kohls | Talbots |
| Christmas Tree Shops | Lane Bryant | The Children's Place |
| Coach | LensCrafters | Ulta |
| Dick's Sporting Goods | Lids | Under Armour |
| DSW Shoes | LOFT | Verizon Wireless |
| Express | Lucky Brand | Victoria's Secret |
| F.Y.E | Macy's | White House Black Market |
| Famous Footwear | Michael's | Yankee Candle |



The Shoppes at Montage, Moosic, PA

Franklin's Restaurant, Downtown Wilkes-Barre, PA

DINING

NEPA offers a comprehensive variety of dining options that range from nationally-known franchises to locally-owned neighborhood favorites. The area is foodie-friendly with a plethora of culinary offerings. You can plan a multi-day food tour and have something for everyone, including American, Brazilian, French, German, gluten-free, gourmet coffee and tea houses, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Middle Eastern, Mexican, Raw, Soul, Tapas, Thai, Vegan, and more. Also, NEPA is home to Old Forge, which touts itself as the "Pizza Capital of the World" and Pittston, the "Tomato Capital of the World."

Some of the national franchises with establishments in the area:

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| Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar | Long John Silver's |
| Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar | Moe's Southwest Grill |
| Chili's Grill & Bar | Olive Garden |
| Chipotle Mexican Grill | Outback Steakhouse |
| Cracker Barrel Old Country Store | Panera Bread |
| Dairy Queen | Perkins Restaurant & Bakery |
| Denny's | Quiznos |
| Domino's Pizza | Red Lobster |
| Dunkin' Donuts | Red Robin |
| Five Guys Burgers & Fries | Ruby Tuesday |
| Friendly's Ice Cream | Rustic Kitchen |
| Grotto Pizza | Ruth's Chris Steakhouse |
| Johnny Rockets | Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill |
| Krispy Kreme Doughnuts | Sonic, America's Drive-In |
| La Tolteca | Starbucks |
| Logan's Roadhouse | TGI Fridays |
| Longhorn Steakhouse | Waffle House |

Find great places to eat throughout NEPA, and read restaurant reviews at tastenepa.com.



FOOD TRUCKS

There are always trends within the food industry that help shape its future. Today's trend – food trucks – has found traction nationally and in NEPA.

What the Fork – one of the most identifiable trucks in our area – serves high quality and unique dishes. What the Fork gained national recognition after being named the runner-up in Live! With Kelly & Michael's 2013 food truck contest. What the Fork has expanded to two trucks, a food stand at Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders games, and even brick and mortar restaurants in Downtown Wilkes-Barre and Scranton.

A 2014 study says the food truck movement is not going anywhere, with one in five restaurants wanting to expand with a food truck within two years*. The Bitemobile, a traveling extension of the popular Scranton-area restaurant, Nina's allowed the owners to open a second location – with wheels.

A number of other popular food trucks circulate throughout Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties.

- **Around the Table**
- **Drinker Mobile**
- **Southwest Savory Grill**
- **The Sweet Lush Cupcakery**
- **The Wandering Chef**

*National Restaurant Association 2014 Restaurant Industry Forecast (<https://www.restaurant.org/Downloads/PDFs/News-Research/research/RestaurantIndustryForecast2014.pdf>) Source: www.bestplaces.net

The Sweet Lush Cupcakery



BREWERIES AND MICROBREWERIES

NEPA is also home to several breweries and microbreweries. Visitors tour the facilities, sample locally-brewed beers, and pair their beverage selections with food. Many of these NEPA beers have become staples in local restaurants and bars.

Breaker Brewing Company in Wilkes-Barre is a microbrewery specializing in craft beer. The name is a nod to the history of NEPA. Coal breakers were staples in the area back when coal was king.

Interested in learning how beer is made? **Susquehanna Brewing Company**, headquartered in Pittston, has been named one of the Top 10 Brewery Tours in the US.

Lion Brewery, Inc. in Wilkes-Barre is one of the oldest breweries still in operation within Pennsylvania. Founded in 1905, its beers and sodas are sold in Pennsylvania and neighboring states.

Maybe you are interested in locally crafted beer and wine. **Nimble Hill Brewing Company** in Tunkhannock is the perfect place to satisfy both cravings.



SPORTS & RECREATION

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SPORTING EVENTS, ATTRACTIONS, & VENUES

This region is home to three professional sports teams, NASCAR racing, a nationally acclaimed marathon, half marathon, triathlon, and numerous waterparks. Want to get in the action? NEPA offers plenty of possibilities to put you in the middle of the excitement. The most popular sporting events and venues are:

BERWICK RUN FOR THE DIAMONDS

Founded in 1908 and now considered the fourth oldest running event in the nation, this annual Thanksgiving Day race draws about 1,500 runners to its hilly, nine mile course in Berwick.

CAMEL BEACH

Camelbeach Mountain Waterpark in the Poconos offers slides from mild to wild with thrill rides, family rides, Camel Kids, adventure zone, and Camelback Mountain Adventures. Enjoy 37 rides, slides and attractions, dousing buckets, spraying water, hundreds of palm trees, cobblestone walkways, and real beach sand.

GREAT WOLF LODGE

Great Wolf Lodge in the Poconos features a 79,000 square foot indoor waterpark with slides and rides for guests of all ages. Kids love to battle dragons at MagiQuest, an interactive live-action, role-playing experience. Rides, events, mini golf, arcades, and more make for a great family experience.

HARNESS RACING AT MOHEGAN SUN AT POCONO DOWNS

Live harness racing is among the many amenities at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, a spectacular entertainment, gaming, shopping, and dining destination located on 400-acres in Plains Township near Wilkes-Barre.

H2OOOOHH! INDOOR FAMILY WATERPARK

H2Oooohh! Indoor Family Waterpark is located adjacent to the Galleria at Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania. This complete indoor waterpark features attractions for all ages.



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KALAHARI RESORTS

Kalahari Resorts, home to one of America’s most successful family-owned indoor water parks, opened in the Pocono Mountains in summer of 2015. This \$230 million, 150-acre complex, offers convention and meeting space, indoor and outdoor waterparks, a family entertainment center, and lodging.

THE KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

Thousands participate in this 5K run and walk that is held annually in Downtown Scranton. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® organizes the race as part of its mission to fight breast cancer.

MONTAGE MOUNTAIN WATERPARK

Located at the Montage Mountain Ski Resort, this waterpark features wild water rides and slides, a regulation sized volleyball court, horseshoe pits, mini golf, and batting cages.

POCONO RACEWAY (NASCAR SPRINT CUP)

Also known as the Tricky Triangle, this superspeedway is located in the Pocono Mountains at Long Pond. It is the site of two annual NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series event, and a Verizon IndyCar Series race.

RIVERFRONT SPORTS

Located just outside of Scranton, this modern facility features indoor turf fields and courts for soccer, basketball, flag football, and more.

SCRANTON HALF MARATHON

This annual 13.1 mile, USATF-certified half marathon sells its 3,000 spots out quickly. The race starts and finishes at Memorial Stadium near Downtown Scranton. This is one of the largest half marathons in the Northeast US.

SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE RAILRIDERS

This AAA franchise of the New York Yankees plays in PNC Field, a beautiful stadium located near the base of the Montage Mountain Ski Resort in Moosic Borough. Watch future New York Yankees stars during 71 annual home games.

SKY ZONE

The creator of the world’s first indoor trampoline park opened a facility in 2014 in CenterPoint Commerce & Trade Park East. The space features connecting trampolines in an open court with about 12,500 square feet of jump space, as well as two dodge ball courts, a “SkySlam” basketball court, a fitness class called “SkyRobics,” and a Foam Zone.

STEAMTOWN MARATHON

Rated the 6th best marathon in the nation in a Runner’s World poll, this 26.2 mile, USATF-certified, Boston Marathon qualifier runs through 12 communities from Forest City to Scranton and annually draws close to 2,500 runners from all over the world. The Marathon was founded in 1996.

TOYOTA SPORTSPLEX

This official practice rink of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins is located on Coal Street in Wilkes-Barre and also offers public skating, instruction, figure skating, curling, and more.

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS

The Penguins are the American Hockey League affiliate of the NHL’s Pittsburgh Penguins. They play their home games in the 8,000+ seat Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza near Wilkes-Barre.

WILKES-BARRE TRIATHLON

Held annually in seven communities in the Back Mountain area, this nationally acclaimed triathlon features an Olympic Course (1.5k swim, 40k bike, 11k run) and a Sprint Course (.75K swim, 26K bike, and 5.5k run). The event was founded in 1982.

WYOMING VALLEY SPORTS DOME

This temperature controlled 76,000 square foot air structure near Wilkes-Barre features three Field Turf playing fields and is used for soccer, softball, field hockey, lacrosse, and more.



OUTDOOR RECREATION

Northeastern Pennsylvania is a mountainous region that provides numerous outdoor recreation opportunities including lakes, hiking and biking trails, and state and municipal parks. Hunting, fishing, mountain biking, running, hiking, camping, and boating are all very popular here. Additional outdoor recreation in NEPA ranges from water parks, to resorts, to ski resorts, to amusement parks, to whitewater rafting.

Sections of the Lackawanna River near Scranton have been classified by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as “Class A Wild Brown Trout Water.” Channel catfish and smallmouth bass are plentiful in the Susquehanna River near Wilkes-Barre. For information about fishing in NEPA visit fishandboat.com and nepafishing.com.

To learn about the many state parks in the area including Francis Slocum, Gouldsboro, Hickory Run, Lackawanna, Nescopek, and Rickett’s Glen, visit dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks.

ADVENTURE CENTER AT WHITE WATER CHALLENGERS

White Water Challengers offers whitewater rafting and kayaking on the Lehigh River in White Haven, as well as biking and camping.

AYLESWORTH PARK

Created as the result of a U.S. Army Corp of Engineers dam control project in 1970, this 252-acre county park in Archbald Borough features a four acre lake with beach, fishing, lake trail, hiking trails, and picnic areas.

CAMP KRESGE

The Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA owns and operates Camp Kresge, which is located in White Haven. The 1,100-acre camp includes Beaver Lake and offers the Blue Sky education program, swimming, hiking, canoeing, paddle boats, ropes courses, a climbing tower, zip line, and much more.

FRANCIS E. WALTER DAM

This 1,800-acre area in White Haven includes an 80-acre reservoir and offers areas for picnicking, hiking, and fishing. Whitewater rafting is available downstream.

LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX

Located in Forty Fort, this multi-field complex is used for soccer and softball tournaments, festivals, fairs, musical events, corporate outings, and more.

KIRBY PARK

Located near the Market Street Bridge in Kingston, this park offers tennis courts, a quarter mile track, football, soccer, and softball fields, volleyball courts, fishing, and pavilions. The park is the setting for the City of Wilkes-Barre’s annual Cherry Blossom Festival in April, the city’s Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration, and countless community events.

KNOEBLES AMUSEMENT RESORT

Located in Elysburg, Knoebles is a picnic grove and amusement park and has been America’s largest free admission park for close to 90 years.



THE LANDS AT HILLSIDE FARMS

Located in Shavertown, The Lands at Hillside Farms is a 19th Century, 412-acre, nonprofit educational dairy farm that welcomes thousands of regional students of all ages and means each year. At The Lands, you can learn to prune an apple tree, create a rag rug, make soap, become a blacksmith, raise backyard chickens, can vegetables, make jelly, do woodworking, hand-milk a cow, drive a team of oxen, and much more.

MCDADE PARK

Created in the 1970s from reclaimed coal mining terrain, this county-owned park near Scranton features an Olympic-sized swimming pool with a bath house, children’s fishing pond, basketball and tennis courts, softball fields, pavilions, picnic areas, hiking trails, bocce courts, and large open fields for Frisbee and cross country skiing.

MERLI SARNOSKI PARK

Dedicated in 1978, this county park is named after Congressional Medal of Honor recipients Gino Merli and Joseph Sarnoski. The 840-acre park features lake swimming, fishing, and sports facilities, but is also known for its wide expanse of untouched natural beauty. It is located just off Route 106 in Fell Township.

MOON LAKE PARK

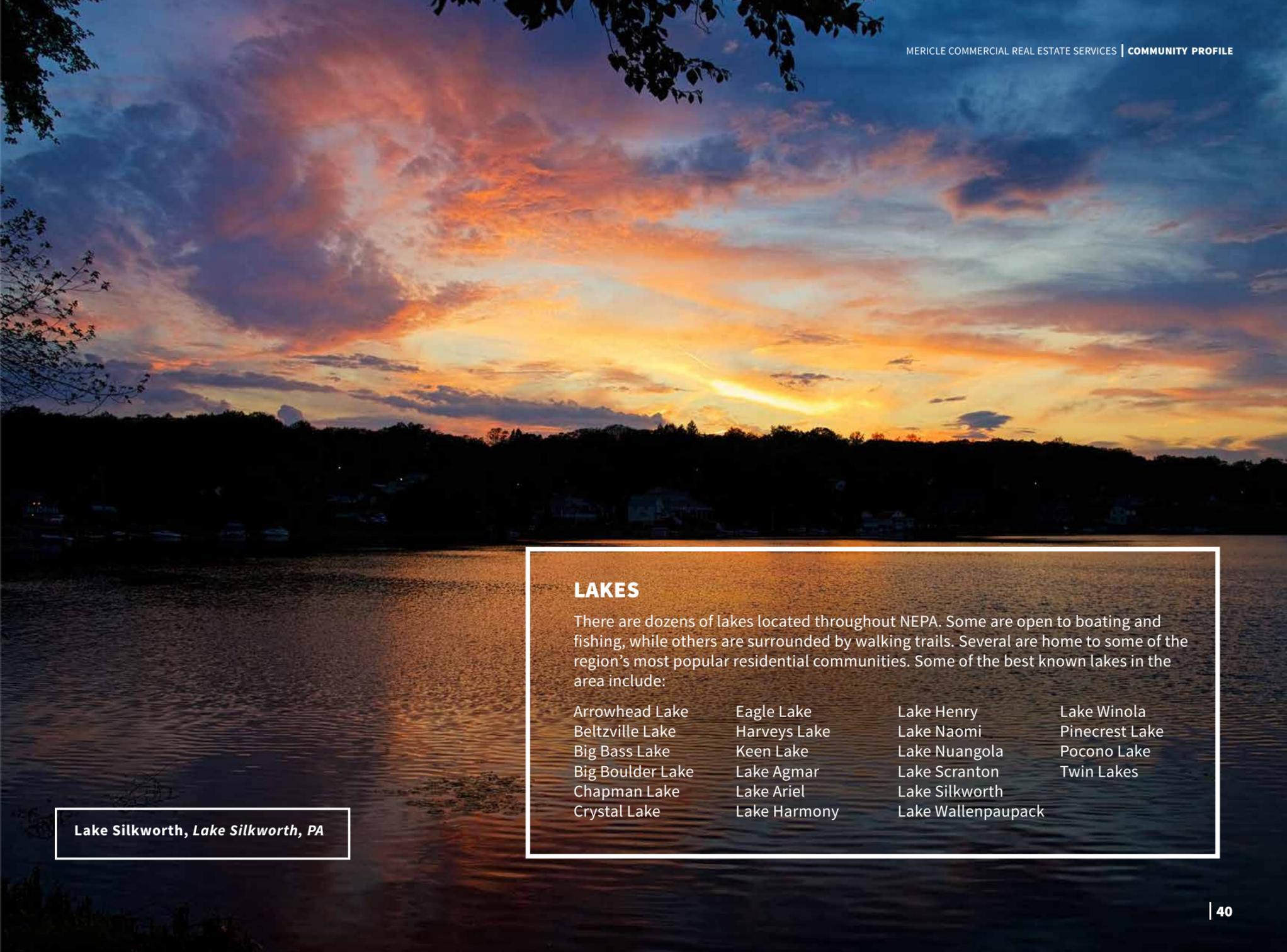
This 650-acre park in Plymouth Township is a great location for fishing, mountain biking, hiking, and cross country skiing.

ROBA’S FAMILY FARM

Roba’s Family Farm offers fun seasonal and holiday activities including campfire sites, pumpkin patches, pig races, hayrides, Christmas tree harvesting, tree harvesting, and more. Roba’s is best known for its activities leading up to Halloween.

SEVEN TUBS NATURE PARK

This 500-acre site is located in Plains Township. The main feature is a stream that flows through a ravine where a series of large potholes or “tubs” are gouged out of the underlying bedrock. The cascade of water attracts many visitors. Hiking trails lead to and around the Tubs area.



LAKES

There are dozens of lakes located throughout NEPA. Some are open to boating and fishing, while others are surrounded by walking trails. Several are home to some of the region’s most popular residential communities. Some of the best known lakes in the area include:

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| Arrowhead Lake | Eagle Lake | Lake Henry | Lake Winola |
| Beltzville Lake | Harveys Lake | Lake Naomi | Pinecrest Lake |
| Big Bass Lake | Keen Lake | Lake Nuangola | Pocono Lake |
| Big Boulder Lake | Lake Agmar | Lake Scranton | Twin Lakes |
| Chapman Lake | Lake Ariel | Lake Silkworth | |
| Crystal Lake | Lake Harmony | Lake Wallenpaupack | |

Lake Silkworth, Lake Silkworth, PA



Lackawanna State Park, North Abington, PA

TRAILS

In addition to the many hiking trails located in area state and municipal parks, several non-profit organizations have constructed lengthy trails along rivers and atop former rail beds.

LACKAWANNA HERITAGE VALLEY AUTHORITY (LHVA)

The LHVA has developed numerous trails atop former rail beds throughout Lackawanna County. LHVA trails in Archbald and Jessup Boroughs are part of the Steamtown Marathon Course, and those in Scranton and Taylor Boroughs are part of the Scranton Half Marathon Course.

THE BACK MOUNTAIN TRAIL IN DALLAS, LUZERNE COUNTY

This 4.5 mile trail runs from Luzerne Borough to Dallas and cuts through scenic woodlands, complete with a meandering creek, a waterfall, and open fields of flowers.

THE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVANCY

In October, 2014, this local non-profit opened a new trail in Lackawanna County that runs from the South Abington Township/Clarks Summit line through Glenburn Township all the way to the Dalton line. It is called the "Trolley Trail" because it follows a rail path once served by the Northern Electric Trolley.



Blue Mountain, Palmerton, PA

SKIING

NEPA offers some of the best ski resorts on the East Coast. Whether you are interested in skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, or lounging in the lodge, there is something for everybody. A few of the better-known resorts include:

ALPINE MOUNTAIN

Located in Henryville in the Poconos, Alpine offers 21 downhill trails, snowshoeing, snow tubing, and an ice skating rink.

BLUE MOUNTAIN

Blue Mountain is located in Palmerton and is known for its high vertical and long runs.

CAMELBACK

Voted the #1 resort in Pennsylvania four years in a row, Camelback's ski resort offers the biggest skiing and snowboarding terrain in the area and the largest snow tubing park in the nation.

EAGLE ROCK

Located near Hazleton, the Eagle Rock Resort is known for its short lift lines and uncrowded skiing.

ELK MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT

Located north of Scranton in Susquehanna County, Elk Mountain offers some of Pennsylvania's best downhill skiing.

JACK FROST BIG BOULDER SKI RESORT: POCONOS

Jack Frost Big Boulder opened in 1972 and is located near Blakeslee in the Poconos. It features 30 slopes and trails.

MONTAGE MOUNTAIN

The Montage Mountain Resort is located in Moosic and is home to challenging ski and snowboarding trails and a waterpark.

SHAWNEE MOUNTAIN

Shawnee Mountain is a family friendly ski area located outside East Stroudsburg and includes a snow tubing park.

In addition to these downhill ski venues, many state and county parks have cross country ski trails.

GOLF

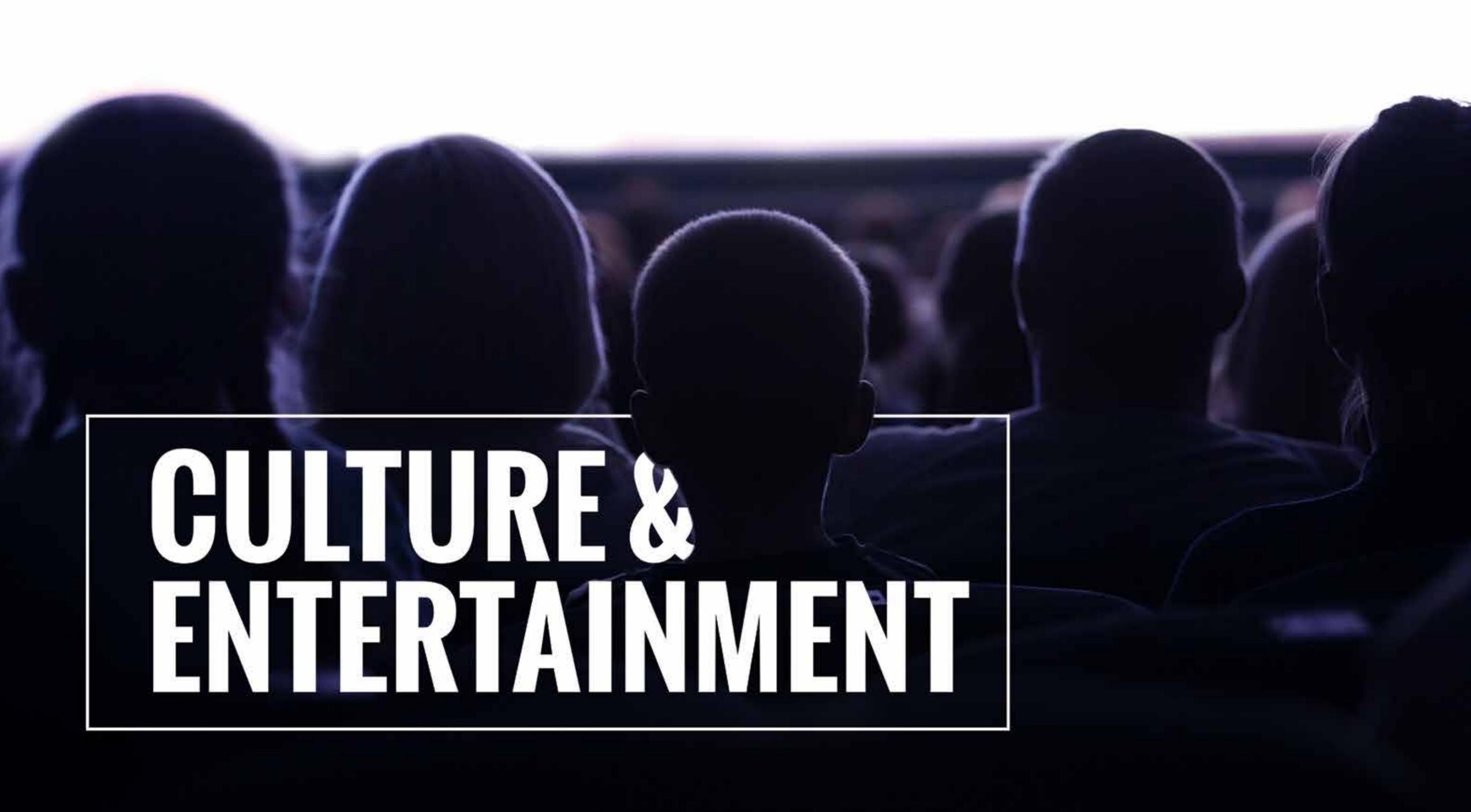
Northeastern Pennsylvania has a wide variety of nine and 18 hole, public, and private golf courses. The most popular include:

Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club, Luzerne County
 Country Club of Scranton, Lackawanna County
 Country Club of the Poconos, Monroe County
 Eagle Rock Resort, Luzerne County
 Edgewood in the Pines, Luzerne County
 Elkview Country Club, Lackawanna County
 Elmhurst Country Club, Lackawanna County
 Emanon Country Club, Wyoming County
 Fox Hill Country Club, Luzerne County
 Glen Oak Country Club, Lackawanna County
 Glenmaura National Golf Club, Lackawanna County
 Hideaway Hills Golf Club, Monroe County
 Hidden Valley, Schuylkill County
 Hollenback Golf Course, Luzerne County
 Huntsville Golf Club, Luzerne County
 Irem Country Club, Luzerne County
 Jack Frost National Golf Club, Monroe County
 Mill Race Golf Course, Columbia County
 Mount Airy Casino Resort Golf Club, Monroe County
 Mountain Laurel Golf Club, Carbon County

Mountain Valley Golf Course, Schuylkill County
 Paupack Hills Golf and Country Club, Pike County
 Pine Hills, Lackawanna County
 Pocono Farms Country Club, Monroe County
 Pocono Manor Inn & Golf Resort, Monroe County
 Sand Springs Country Club, Luzerne County
 Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort/Great Bear Golf Club,
 Monroe and Pike County
 Scanton Country Club, Lackawanna County
 Shadowbrook Inn & Resort, Wyoming County
 Schuylkill Country Club, Schuylkill County
 Skytop Lodge, Monroe County
 Split Rock Resort & Golf Club, Carbon County
 Stonehedge Country Club, Wyoming County
 Stone Meadows Golf Course, Luzerne County
 Sugarloaf Golf Club, Luzerne County
 The Valley Country Club, Luzerne County
 Wilkes-Barre Municipal, Luzerne County
 Woodloch Pines, Wayne County
 Wyoming Valley Country Club, Luzerne County



Stonehedge Golf Course, Wyoming County, PA



CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

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VENUES AND GROUPS

NEPA hosts a variety of different performances, from Broadway shows, to ballet, to concerts by internationally-recognized recording artists, to local plays, and much more. Some of the area's most prominent venues, theater and dance groups, and movie theaters include the following.

BALLET NORTHEAST

Ballet Northeast was established in 1948 and is located in Wilkes-Barre. The company has developed a repertoire of classical pieces and originally choreographed ballets.

BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Located just a short drive from NEPA, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is an award-winning cultural and civic center located on an 800-acre site that surrounds the location of the 1969 Woodstock festival. Performers cover a broad range of classical, rock, pop, jazz, and country music.

BROADWAY THEATRE LEAGUE OF NORTHEAST PA

Founded in 1959, Broadway Theatre has welcomed many pre and post Broadway tours and countless stars of stage and screen to the region.

CINEMARK

The largest movie complex in the region, Cinemark 20 and XD is located in Moosic on Montage Mountain and features ceiling-to-floor and wall-to-wall screens, custom sound, and premium stadium seating.

DIETRICH THEATER

Located in Downtown Tunkhannock, this historic theater shows countless blockbuster, foreign, independent, and classic films. The theater has also presented more than 100 cultural events, including semiannual film festivals, live theater, concerts, and workshops.

CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

DOROTHY DICKSON DARTE CENTER

Located on the campus of Wilkes-University in Downtown Wilkes-Barre, the facility's main auditorium, the Darling Theatre can seat 478 people and hosts a variety of dance and musical performances.

GARDEN DRIVE-IN

The Garden Drive-in, located in Hunlock Creek, is a drive-in theater, popular with the locals, that hosts movies on two screens during the spring and summer. Concerts – most recently, Jimmy Buffet – and flea markets are also held here.

LITTLE THEATER OF WILKES-BARRE

Based in Wilkes-Barre, this nonprofit is one of the oldest continuously running theaters in the United States and is still ranked among the 10 best “little theater” groups. Since 1923, Little Theater has reached more than two million people and performed hundreds of productions.

THE THEATER AT LACKAWANNA COLLEGE

This historic theater, now part of Lackawanna College, was renovated in 2009. It hosts a series of performing arts concerts and theater productions.

MOHEGAN SUN ARENA AT CASEY PLAZA

With more than 8,000 permanent seats and a capacity of nearly 10,000 for concerts, the arena has played host to some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Elton John, Cher, Neil Diamond, Janet Jackson, Luke Bryan, The Eagles, AC/DC, and Simon & Garfunkel. The arena's primary tenant is the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the American Hockey League, which is affiliated with the National Hockey League's Pittsburgh Penguins.

MUSIC BOX DINNER PLAYHOUSE

This community theater is located in Swoyersville. The Music Box Players is a nonprofit organization made up of performers who work in the local community and volunteer their time to rehearse and perform in the productions.

NORTHEASTERN PA PHILHARMONIC

The Philharmonic's concerts, classical and pop themed, are performed at the Scranton Cultural Center in Downtown Scranton and the F. M. Kirby Center in Downtown Wilkes-Barre.



F.M. KIRBY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Kirby Center, founded in 1938, is a historic theater located in the heart of Wilkes-Barre. It offers a large variety of national and local events and performances.

SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER

A unique example of Neo-Gothic architecture in Scranton, the Center serves as the residence for national tours of Broadway musicals and concerts and hosts many of the area's top regional companies. This historic venue's stage has been graced by the likes of Frank Sinatra, Yul Brenner in The King and I, George Carlin, NSync and Britney Spears, Barry Manilow, Billy Joel, Willie Nelson, and many more.

PENN'S PEAK

This beautiful mountaintop entertainment venue located in Jim Thorpe can comfortably host 1,800 concertgoers. Penn's Peak hosts many well-known entertainers annually.

PAVILION AT MONTAGE MOUNTAIN

This outdoor concert venue has attracted world class artists from Jason Aldean, to Lil Wayne, to Josh Groban, to Maroon 5. The pavilion has a seating capacity of 17,500, with about 7,000 of those as fixed seats under cover and an approximately 10,500 person capacity in the lawn area.

R/C WILKES-BARRE MOVIES 14

Located at East Northampton Street and Main Street in Downtown Wilkes-Barre, this 14 screen theater opened in 2006 and features huge wall to wall curved screens and stadium seating with high back rocking chairs.

REGAL DICKSON CITY STADIUM 14 & IMAX

This 14 screen, state-of-the-art movie complex is located in Dickson City near the Viewmont Mall and surrounding shopping venues and features an IMAX theater.

SCRANTON CIVIC BALLET

The Scranton Civic Ballet was founded in 1978 as a regional resident ballet company with its home in Scranton. The focus of the Civic Ballet Company is two annual major performances, which are full scale theatrical productions presented at the Scranton Cultural Center.

THE LEONARD

A former opera house and vaudeville theater, The Leonard Building has been home to hundreds of big names over the years and today hosts concerts, performing arts, Broadway shows, weddings, and corporate parties.

HISTORICAL SITES, MUSEUMS, & GALLERIES

NEPA has a diverse assortment of historical sites, museums, art galleries, and educational opportunities. Here are a few of NEPA's most visited venues:

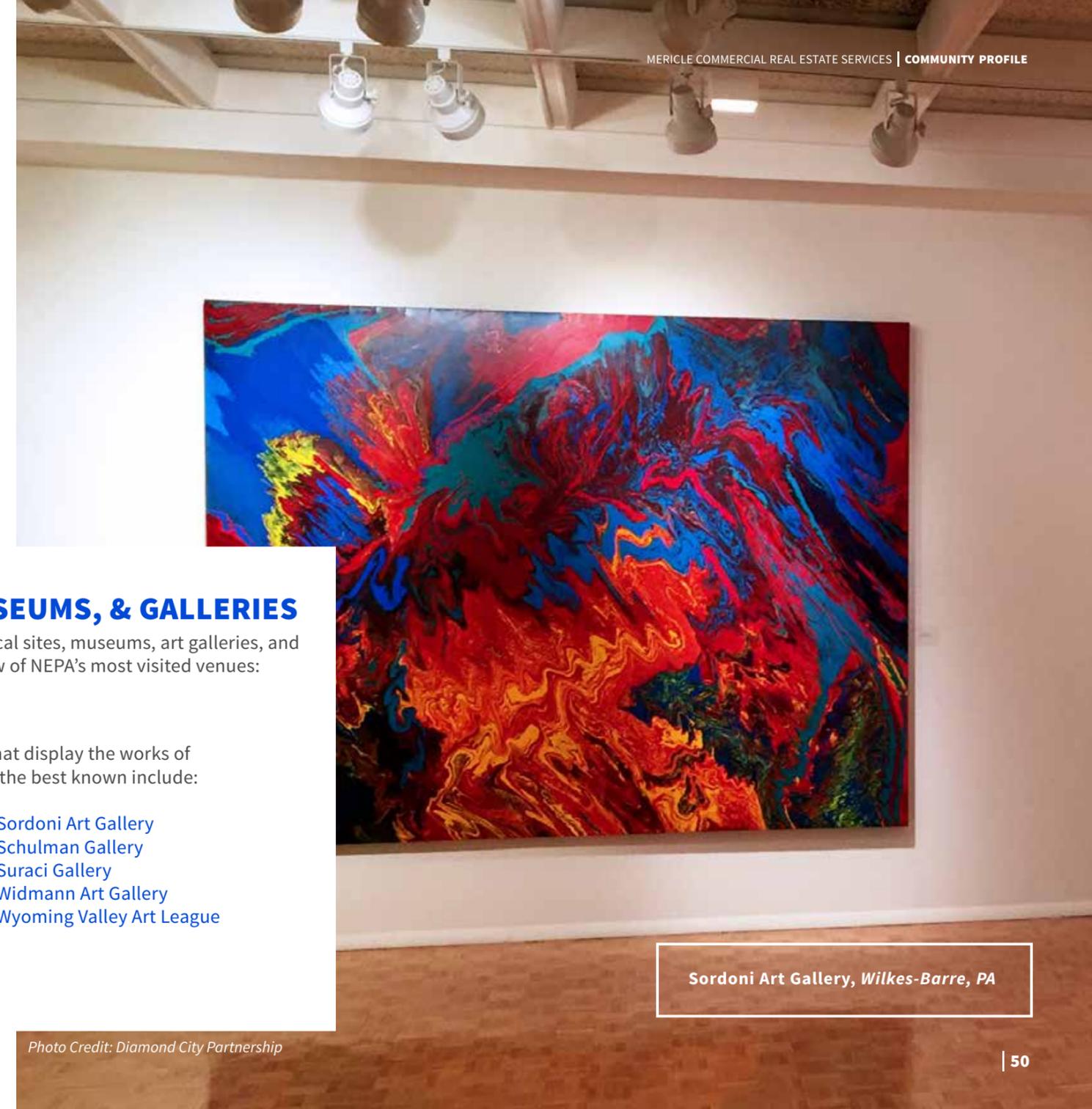
ART GALLERIES

NEPA is home to numerous galleries that display the works of regional and national artists. Some of the best known include:

- AFA Gallery
- Artworks Gallery & Studio
- Everhart Museum
- Hope Horn Gallery
- Mahady Gallery
- Maslow Study Gallery
- Pauly Friedman Art Gallery/ MacDonald Gallery

- Sordoni Art Gallery
- Schulman Gallery
- Suraci Gallery
- Widmann Art Gallery
- Wyoming Valley Art League

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Sordoni Art Gallery, Wilkes-Barre, PA

ECKLEY MINER’S VILLAGE

This is a 19th century anthracite coal mining town “frozen in time.” Located in Weatherly, the museum shows what it was like to live and work as a coal miner in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

THE ELECTRIC CITY TROLLEY MUSEUM

The museum is located adjacent to Downtown Scranton on the Steamtown National Historic Site grounds. Go back in time as you explore vintage trolleys from the 19th and 20th centuries and learn more about the history of the Lackawanna Valley.

EVERHART MUSEUM

The Everhart Museum is located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton. It is a non-profit art and natural history museum that was founded in 1908. There are 15 gallery spaces providing display areas for permanent and temporary exhibitions. The original focus was to create a comprehensive display of the state’s native birds, animals, and other wildlife. An extensive art collection was later added.

FORTY FORT MEETING HOUSE

Forty Fort was named for a Revolutionary War era fort that the town’s original 40 settlers built. This historic meeting house at River Street and Wyoming Avenue in the Old Forty Fort Cemetery was built in 1806–08 in a New England meeting house style with white clapboard siding and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

FREDERICK STEGMAIER MANSION

Built in Downtown Wilkes-Barre in 1870, the Frederick Stegmaier Mansion has been meticulously restored to its former opulence and operates today as an historic house museum, banquet facility, and grand bed & breakfast.



HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER

The Holocaust Museum is a small, but expanding exhibit compiled of artifacts that survived the Holocaust, such as a Czech Torah. The Museum’s counterpart, the Holocaust Research Center, serves as an educational and outreach tool for the community.

HOUDINI TOUR & MAGIC SHOW

Located in Scranton, this is the world’s only building devoted to the most famous magician of all time, Harry Houdini, who performed many times in NEPA.

LACKAWANNA COAL MINE TOUR

The Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour takes you 300 feet below the earth as you slowly descend in a mine car. A miner accompanies you, enlightening you on the history and heroic journeys that have taken place in this anthracite coal mine that opened in 1860.

LACKAWANNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY/THE CATLIN HOUSE

Located on the campus of the University of Scranton, the 1912-built Catlin House is a Tudor Revival style home and is a stately example of the upper-class homes of its time. It serves as a museum operated by the Lackawanna County Historical Society.

NATHAN DENISON HOUSE

In 1790, Nathan Denison of Connecticut built his house on the western bank of Abrams Creek in then Kingston Township – now Forty Fort. He lived here until his death in 1809. Today, both the house and the furnishings appear as they did when the home was built.

PA ANTHRACITE HERITAGE MUSEUM

The museum is located in McDade Park in Scranton. The Museum tells the story of the people who came from Europe to work in the anthracite mining and textiles industries.

PATRICK J. SOLANO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Located near the shore of the lake at Frances Slocum State Park, this interpretative building welcomes more than 15,000 people annually, including many children. The center features exhibits on American Indians and ecological topics, as well as curriculum-based environmental education programs.

SCRANTON IRON FURNACES

The Scranton Iron Furnaces represent the once booming iron industry in the United States. By 1865, these four gigantic stone blast furnaces, located near the Steamtown National Historic Site, had the largest capacity to produce iron in the country.

STEAMTOWN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The Steamtown National Historic Site, managed by the National Park Service, is one of the world’s largest collections of steam locomotives and related memorabilia. Steamtown is home to passenger cars, locomotives, freight cars, and maintenance-of-way equipment from various historic railroads. The site sits on almost 40-acres adjacent to Downtown Scranton.

SWETLAND HOMESTEAD

The Swetland Homestead, built in 1803 and located in Wyoming, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Highlights include the 1860s era Victorian style parlor and household objects that represent the transition to a more industrialized society.

TRIPP HOUSE

A Federal house built in Scranton in 1778 by early New England settlers, the Tripp House is the oldest house in Lackawanna County. The home has been described by the National Heritage Corporation as “more than any building in Scranton, an expression of the City’s history.”



FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Local festivals and events are integral to NEPA's culture. From holiday parades, to fairs, to authentic heritage festivals, here are some of the best known events in the area.

BLOOMSBURG FAIR

A tradition since 1855, the Bloomsburg Fair is held annually in Columbia County. As one of the largest in the Eastern US, the fair draws hundreds of thousands of visitors with a variety of games, foods, music, agriculture, rides, and more.

CO-OP FARMERS MARKET, SCRANTON

This Scranton Market offers a wide variety of seasonal, home-grown, fresh-picked fruits, vegetables, jams & jellies, and fresh cut and potted flowers. This is considered to be the only open-air seasonal market of its kind in Northern Pennsylvania that is solely owned and operated by the farmers themselves.

FARMERS MARKET, WILKES-BARRE

This annual tradition is held for several weeks every summer at Public Square in Downtown Wilkes-Barre. Highlights include music, food, crafts, and the highest quality fresh produce from local growers.

FINE ARTS FIESTA, WILKES-BARRE

The Fiesta was started in 1956 and is held on Public Square in Downtown Wilkes-Barre. This four day festival in May celebrates "diversity, talent, passion, and friendship." The oldest arts festival in Pennsylvania includes music, performances by local schools and organizations, art exhibits by local artists, and a large showcase of vendors.

FIRST FRIDAY, SCRANTON

This nonprofit agency organizes a free art walk held on the first Friday of every month at dozens of galleries and businesses around Downtown Scranton. First Friday features a wide variety of cultural events found in some of the city's best restaurants and cafes, as well as galleries, boutiques, and other small businesses.

GREAT TASTES OF PENNSYLVANIA WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

This annual event is held at Lake Harmony on the grounds of Split Rock Resort in the Poconos. The two day festival is comprised of a wide selection of wine, food, and musical entertainment.

HARFORD FAIR

The Harford Fair has been an annual event for nearly 160 years. Nestled in the hills of Susquehanna County, the Harford Fair offers a week of events, food, rides, games, and entertainment, including a rodeo with participants from across the country.

LA FESTA ITALIANA

Created in 1976, La Festa Italiana is one of NEPA's largest festivals. Held over Labor Day weekend on Courthouse Square in Downtown Scranton, La Festa draws thousands of visitors and includes live entertainment and an abundance of food.

LACKAWANNA RIVER CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION RIVERFEST

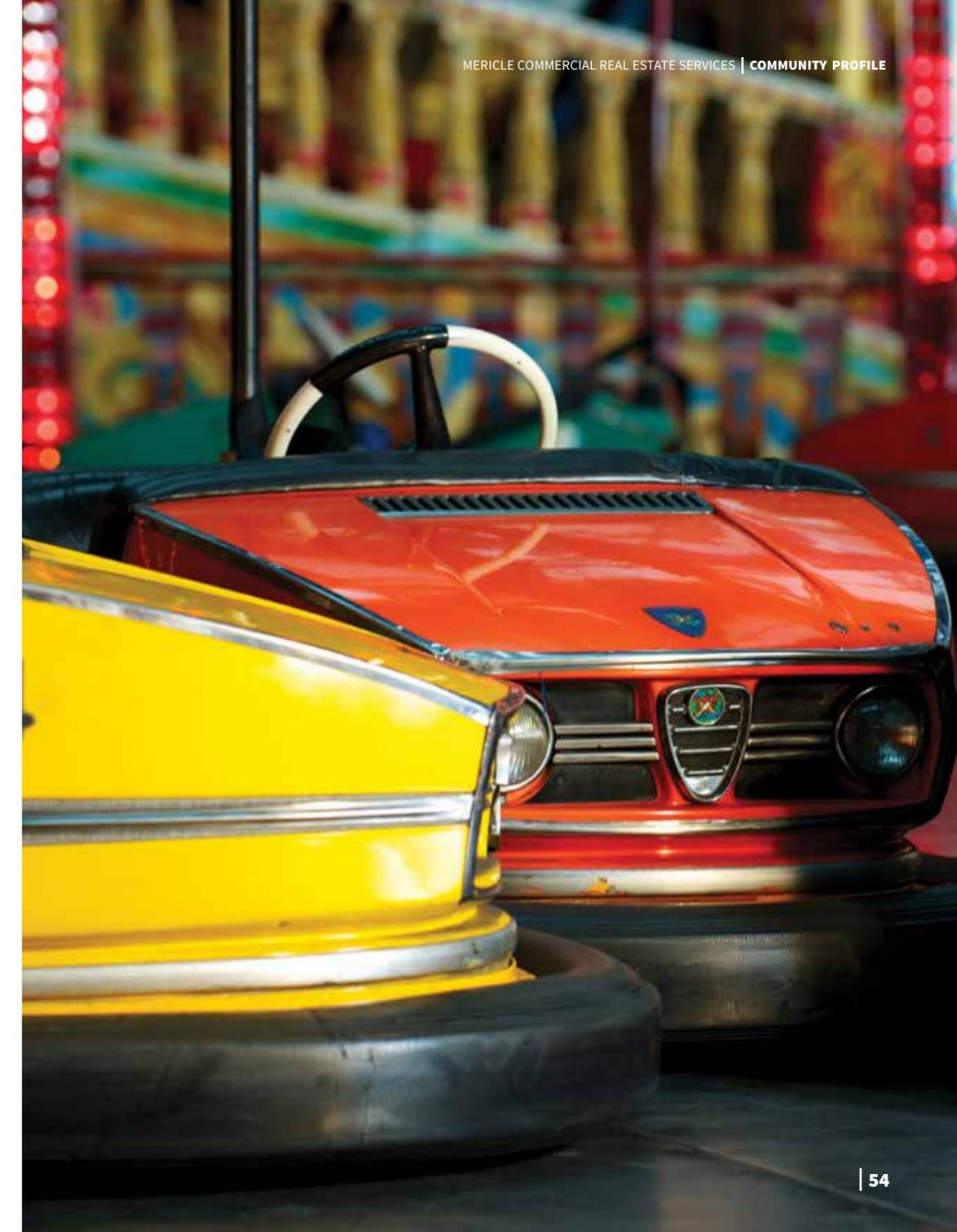
The LCRA hosts an annual RiverFest to celebrate the river that runs through the Lackawanna Valley.

LUZERNE COUNTY FAIR

The annual county fair is held in Dallas for five days in September. The fair includes a vast selection of food, continuous musical entertainment, a multitude of contests, and the annual selection of the fair queen.

NORTHEAST FAIR

This annual fair is held in Pittston just off S.R. 315. The five day event includes a wide variety of contests, shows, rides, food, and drinks. Entertainment ranges from magic shows, to musical performers, to wine tasting.





PITTSTON TOMATO FESTIVAL

Known for its massive “Tomato Fight”, the Festival is a weekend long event every August in Downtown Pittston. The Tomato Festival includes a wide variety of food and draws thousands of attendees.

THE RACE OF THE SAINTS

St. Ubaldo Day is a very colorful and enthusiastic celebration in which three Saints’ statues, St. Ubaldo, St. George, and St. Anthony are placed atop two connected octagonal wooden prisms and are quickly carried throughout the streets of the town. Gubbio, Italy, and Jessup, PA are the only places in the world that play host to this celebration.

SAINT ANN’S SOLEMN NOVENA

Thousands of pilgrims from all corners of the world come to The Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Ann in Scranton every July to honor St. Ann.

SANTA PARADES

Thousands of families come to Downtown Scranton and Downtown Wilkes-Barre each November to attend this parade and welcome Santa to the area.



SAINT PATRICK’S DAY PARADES

Thousands visit the downtowns in **Scranton**, Pittston, and Wilkes-Barre every March to attend Saint Patrick’s Day parades and celebrations. Scranton’s celebration is a nationally acclaimed event with more than 12,000 participants and is considered one of the largest Saint Patrick’s Day Parades in the country. The parade has been held annually since 1962.

SECOND FRIDAY ART WALK, PITTSTON

Pittston holds a Second Friday Art Walk during the summer months on Main Street in Pittston. The event includes outdoor art galleries, artistic demonstrations, live music, and more. Restaurants and bars found along Pittston’s “Restaurant Row” also participate in the event.

THIRD FRIDAY, WILKES-BARRE

Third Friday Wilkes-Barre is a free art walk held the third Friday of every month at galleries and businesses in Downtown Wilkes-Barre. The event is coordinated by the Wyoming Valley Art League and features a variety of cultural events found in the city’s galleries, boutiques, restaurants, cafes, and other small businesses.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR

With more than 150 years of tradition, the Wayne County Fair in Honesdale offers a week of events, rides, games, food, and much more. Many talented entertainers have performed at the Fair.

WYOMING VALLEY RIVERFEST

The Wyoming Valley Riverfest is a weekend festival held at the River Commons at the Susquehanna River in Downtown Wilkes-Barre. The festival includes live musical performances, boat rides, free family fishing, food vendors, and more.

For more information about area festivals visit www.festivalsinpa.com.

CASINOS AND RESORTS

Need a short getaway, but don't want to travel far? Are you looking for a place to relax or hold company gatherings? Or maybe you are interested in "rolling the dice" in hopes of hitting it big. NEPA is home to two large casinos and several highly regarded resorts and lodges that offer something for everyone.

COVE HAVEN

Known as a romantic getaway, Cove Haven Resorts operates three locations in NEPA. Many world renowned entertainers come to Cove Haven to entertain guests. Horseback riding, golf, skiing, water skiing, and many other attractions make Cove Haven a great retreat for couples.

MOHEGAN SUN POCONO

Mohegan Sun Pocono in Plains Township has grown into one of the biggest gaming destinations on the East Coast and features more than 2,300 slot machines, more than 90 table games, and live harness racing. The beautiful 82,000 square-foot gaming floor includes a luxurious high-limit slot room and a private player's lounge. The complex also features several fine dining restaurants.

MOUNT AIRY CASINO

Mt. Airy Casino is a resort located in the Poconos. It contains an Ultra Pool, a nightclub, and a Summer Stage, along with a full casino and hotel.

WOODLOCH

The Country Club at Woodloch Springs is an 18-hole championship golf course that has been nationally recognized by *GOLF Magazine* and given 4.5 Stars by Golf Digest's Best Place to Play. The Lodge at Woodloch is a premier destination spa resort with nearly 60 guestrooms and suites, a 40,000 square foot spa, and many other relaxing accommodations.

For more information on lodging and things to do in Northeastern Pennsylvania, visit:

The Lackawanna County Convention and Visitors Bureau

- www.visitnepa.org

The Luzerne County Convention & Visitors Bureau

- www.tournepa.com

The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau

- www.800poconos.com

LINKS INDEX

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Mericle Commercial Real Estate – www.mericle.com

LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport – www.flyavp.com
 Hazleton Municipal Airport – www.hazletonfbo.com/default.htm
 Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport – www.mpoairport.com
 Wilkes-Barre Wyoming Valley Airport – www.airnav.com/airport/WBW
 Lehigh Valley International Airport – www.flylva.com
 Martz Trailways – martztrailways.com
 Norfolk Southern Railway – www.nscorp.com/content/nscorp/en.html
 Canadian Pacific Railway – www.cpr.ca/en
 Luzerne & Susquehanna Railroad – www.lstry.net
 Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad – www.rbmnr.com
 PA Northeast Regional Railroad Authority – www.pnrra.org

LABOR

Center for Workforce Information and Analysis – www.paworkstats.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/home/19890

EDUCATION

PUBLIC

Abington Heights School District – www.ahsd.org
 Carbondale Area School District – gateway.ca.k12.pa.us
 Crestwood School District – www.csdcomets.org
 Dallas School District – www.dallassd.com
 Dunmore School District – www.dunmoreschooldistrict.net
 Greater Nanticoke School District – www.gnasd.com
 Hanover Area School District – www.hanoverarea.org
 Greater Hazleton Area School District – www.hasdk12.org
 Lake Lehman School District – www.lake-lehman.k12.pa.us
 Lakeland School District – lakelandsd.schoolwires.net
 Mid Valley School District – www.mvdsd.us
 North Pocono School District – www.npsd.org
 Northwest Area School District – www.northwest.k12.pa.us/wordpress
 Old Forge School – www.ofsd.cc
 Pittston Area School District – www.pittstonarea.com
 Riverside School District – www.riversidesd.com
 Scranton School District – www.scrsd.org
 Valley View School District – www.valleyviewsd.org
 Wilkes-Barre Area School District – www.wbasd.k12.pa.us
 Wyoming Area School District – www.wyomingarea.org
 Wyoming Valley West School District – www.wvwspartans.org

PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS

Abington Christian Academy – abingtonacademy.com
 Bais Yaakov of Scranton – jewishscranton.org/blog
 Bear Creek Community Charter School – www.bearcreekschool.com
 Bnos Yisroel High School – jewishscranton.org/blog
 Fell Charter Elementary School – fellcharter.com
 Howard Gardner School – howardgardnerschool.com
 Immanuel Christian School – www.icshazleton.org
 MMI Preparatory School – www.mmiprep.org

Milton Eisner Yeshiva High School – www.greatschools.org/pennsylvania/scranton/3900-Milton-Eisner-Yeshiva-High-School
 Scranton Hebrew Day School K-8 – jewishscranton.org/blog
 Scranton Preparatory School – www.scrantonprep.com
 The Scranton School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children – www.thescran-tonschool.org
 Wyoming Seminary – www.wyomingseminary.org
 United Hebrew Institute – www.theuhi.org
 Yeshiva Bais Moshe – www.jewishscranton.org/blog
 Catholic Schools – www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholicschools

HIGHER EDUCATION

Bloomsburg University – www.bloomu.edu
 East Stroudsburg University – www.esu.edu
 Johnson College – www.johnson.edu
 Keystone College – www.keystone.edu
 Kings College – www.kings.edu
 Lackawanna College – www.lackawanna.edu
 Luzerne County Community College – www.luzerne.edu
 Marywood University – www.marywood.edu
 Misericordia University – www.misericordia.edu
 Northampton Community College – www.northampton.edu
 Penn State Hazleton – www.hn.psu.edu
 Penn State Wilkes-Barre – www.wb.psu.edu
 Penn State Worthington Scranton Campus – www.sn.psu.edu
 Summit University – www.bbc.edu
 The Commonwealth Medical College – www.tcmc.edu
 University of Scranton – www.scranton.edu
 Wilkes University – www.wilkes.edu

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County – www.ctclc.edu
 Fortis – www.fortis.edu
 Hazleton Area Career Center – www.hasdk12.org/Domain/875
 ITT Technical Institute – www.itt-tech.edu
 McCann School of Business and Technology – www.mccann.edu
 New Horizons Computer Learning Center – www.newhorizons.com
 West Side AVTS – www.wsctc.net
 Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center – www.wbactc.org

HEALTHCARE

Allied Services – www.allied-services.org
 Clarks Summit State Hospital – www.dhs.state.pa.us/foradults/statehospitals/clarkssummitstatehospital/index.htm
 Community Health Systems Inc. – www.chs.net
 Commonwealth Medical College – www.tcmc.edu
 Geisinger Health System – www.geisinger.org
 Lehigh Valley Health Network – www.lvhn.org
 Saint Joseph's Center – www.stjosephscenter.org
 Wilkes-Barre Veterans Affairs Medical Center – www.wilkes-barre.va.gov

SHOPPING & DINING

Arena Hub Plaza – www.tfplimited.com/arena-hub-plaza.html
 Crossings Premium Outlets – www.premiumoutlets.com

The Mall at Steamtown – www.themallatsteamtown.com
 Shoppes at Montage – www.shoppesatmontage.com
 Viewmont Mall – www.shopviewmontmall.com
 Wyoming Valley Mall – www.shopwyomingvalleymall.com
 What the Fork – whattheforktruck.com
 Breaker Brewing Company – www.breakerbrewingcompany.com
 Susquehanna Brewing Company – www.sbcbeer.com
 Lion Brewery, Inc. – www.lionbrewery.com
 Nimble Hill Brewing Company – www.nimblehillbrewingcompany.com

SPORTS & RECREATION SPORTING EVENTS, ATTRACTIONS, & VENUES

Berwick Run for the Diamonds – www.runfordiamonds.com
 Camelbeach – www.camelbeach.com
 Great Wolf Lodge – www.greatwolf.com/poconos/waterpark
 Harness Racing at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs – www.mohegansunpocono.com
 H2Oooohh! Family Indoor Waterpark – www.splitrockresort.com
 Kalahari Resorts – www.kalahariresorts.com/pennsylvania
 The Komen Race for the Cure – www.komennepa.org
 Montage Mountain Waterpark – www.montagemountainresorts.com
 Pocono Raceway (NASCAR Sprint Cup) – www.poconoraceway.com
 Riverfront Sports – www.riverfrontsports.com
 Scranton Half Marathon – www.scrantonhalf.com
 Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders – www.swbailriders.com
 SkyZone – www.skyzone.com/scranton
 Steamtown Marathon – www.steamtownmarathon.com
 Toyota SportsPlex – www.toyotasportsplex.com
 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins – www.wbspenguins.com
 Wilkes-Barre Triathlon – www.wilkesbarretriathlon.com
 Wyoming Valley Sports Dome – www.wyomingvalleysportsdome.com

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Adventure Center at White Water Challengers – www.whitewaterchallengers.com
 Aylesworth Park – www.lackawannacounty.org
 Camp Kresge – www.wbymca.org
 Francis E. Walter Dam – www.delawareandlehigh.org
 Luzerne County Sports Complex – www.luzernecountysportscomplex.com
 Kirby Park – www.wilkes-barre.pa.us
 Knoebles Amusement Resort – www.knoebels.com
 The Lands at Hillside Farms – www.thelandsathillsidefarms.org
 McDade Park – www.lackawannacounty.org
 Merli Sarnoski Park – www.lackawannacounty.org
 Moon Lake Park – www.tournepa.com
 Roba's Family Farm – www.RobaFamilyFarms.com
 Seven Tubs Nature Park – www.delawareandlehigh.org

TRAILS

Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) – www.lhva.org/greenways-trails
 The Back Mountain Trail in Dallas – www.trailink.com/trail/back-mountain-trail.aspx
 The Countryside Conservancy – countrysideconservancy.org/trails/trolley-trail.html

SKIING

Alpine Mountain – www.alpinemountain.com
 Blue Mountain – www.skibluemt.com
 Camelback – www.skicamelback.com
 Eagle Rock – www.eaglerockresort.com/leisure-activities/ski
 Elk Mountain Ski Resort – www.elkskier.com
 Jack Frost Big Boulder Ski Resort: Poconos – www.jfbb.com
 Montage Mountain – www.montagemountainresorts.com
 Shawnee Mountain – www.shawneemt.com

GOLF

Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club – www.blueridgetrail.com
 Country Club of Scranton – www.ccsranton.com
 Country Club of the Poconos – www.ccppagolf.com
 Eagle Rock Resort – www.eaglerockresort.com
 Edgewood in the Pines – www.edgewoodpinesgc.com
 Elkview Country Club – www.elkviewgolf.com
 Elmhurst Country Club – www.elmhurstcc.com
 Emanon Country Club – www.manoncc.com
 Fox Hill Country Club – www.foxhillcountryclub.net
 Glen Oak Country Club – www.glenoakcountryclub.org
 Glenmaura National Golf Club – www.gngc.net
 Hideaway Hills Golf Club – www.hideawaygolf.com
 Hidden Valley – hidden.distinctgolf.com
 Huntsville Golf Club – www.golf-huntsville.com
 Irem Country Club – www.iremngolf.com
 Jack Frost National Golf Club – www.jackfrostnational.com
 Mill Race Golf & Camping Resort – millracegolf.com
 Mount Airy Casino Resort Golf Club – www.mountairycasino.com
 Mountain Laurel Golf Club – www.mountainlaurelgolfclub.com
 Mountain Valley Golf Course – www.mtvalleygolf.com
 Paupack Hills Golf and Country Club – www.paupackhills.com
 Pine Hills – www.pinehillsgolf.com
 Pocono Farms Country Club – www.poconofarms.com
 Pocono Manor Inn & Golf Resort – www.poconomanor.com
 Sand Springs Country Club – www.sandspringsgolf.com
 Scranton Golf Club – ccscranton.com
 Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort/Great Bear Golf Club – www.shawneeinn.com/pa-golf-courses/great-bear-golf-club
 Shadowbrook Inn & Resort – www.shadowbrookresort.com
 Schuylkill Country Club – www.schuylkillcc.com
 Skytop Lodge – www.skytop.com/golf
 Split Rock Resort & Golf Club – www.splitrockresort.com
 Stonehedge Country Club – stonehedge-golf.com
 Stone Meadows Golf Course – www.stonemeadowsgolf.com
 Sugarloaf Golf Club – www.sugarloafgolfclub.com
 The Valley Country Club – www.thevalleycountryclub.com
 Wilkes-Barre Municipal – www.wilkes-barregc.com
 Woodloch Pines – www.woodloch.com/things-to-do/golf
 Wyoming Valley Country Club – www.wyomingvalleycountryclub.com

CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

VENUES AND GROUPS

Ballet Northeast – www.balletnortheast.com

Broadway Theatre League of Northeast PA – www.broadwayscranton.com
 Cinemark – www.cinemark.com
 Dietrich Theater – www.dietrichtheater.com
 Dorothy Dickson Darte Center – www.wilkes.edu
 F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts – www.kirbycenter.org
 Garden Drive-in – www.gardendrivein.com
 Little Theater of Wilkes-Barre – www.ltwb.org
 The Theater at Lackawanna College – www.lackawanna.edu/news-events/the-theater/community-concerts
 Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza – www.mohegansunarenapa.com
 Music Box Dinner Playhouse – www.musicbox.org
 Northeastern PA Philharmonic – www.nepaphil.org
 Penn's Peak – www.pennspeak.com
 Pavilion at Montage Mountain – www.thepavilionatmontagemountain.com
 RC Wilkes-Barre Movies 14 – www.rctheatres.com/loc_wilkesbarre.asp
 Regal Dickson City Stadium 14 & IMAX – www.regmovies.com
 Scranton Civic Ballet – www.scrantoncivicalballet.com
 Scranton Cultural Center – www.scrantonculturalcenter.org
 The Leonard – www.theleonardtheater.com

HISTORICAL SITES, MUSEUMS, & GALLERIES

AFA Gallery – www.artistsforart.org
 Artworks Gallery & Studio – www.artworksnepa.com
 Everhart Museum – www.everhart-museum.org
 Hope Horn Gallery – www.scranton.edu/academics/hope-horn-gallery
 Mahady Gallery – www.marywood.edu/galleries
 Maslow Study Gallery – www.marywood.edu/galleries
 Paily Friedman Art Gallery/MacDonald Gallery – www.misericordia.edu
 Sordoni Art Gallery – www.wilkes.edu/arts/sordoni-art-gallery
 Schulman Gallery – www.luzerne.edu/schulmangallery
 Suraci Gallery – www.marywood.edu/galleries
 Widmann Art Gallery – www.kings.edu
 Wyoming Valley Art League – www.wyomingvalleyartleague.org
 Eckley Miner's Village – www.eckleyminersvillage.com
 The Electric City Trolley Museum – www.ectma.org/museum.html
 Forty Fort Meeting House – www.fortyfortmeetinghouse.org
 Frederick Stegmaier Mansion – www.stegmaiermansion.com
 Holocaust Museum and Research Center – www.visitpa.com/pa-museums/holocaust-education-resource-center
 National Register of Historic Places – www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/pa/luzerne/state.html
 Houdini Tour & Magic Show – www.houdini.org
 Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour – www.lackawannacounty.org
 Lackawanna Historical Society/The Catlin House – www.lackawannahistory.org
 Luzerne County Historical Society Museum – www.luzernehistory.org
 Nathan Denison House – www.luzernehistory.org
 PA Anthracite Heritage Museum – www.anthracitemuseum.org
 Patrick J. Solano Environmental Education Center – www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/franceslocum/index.html
 Scranton Iron Furnaces – www.anthracitemuseum.org
 Steamtown National Historic Site – www.nps.gov/stea/index.htm
 Swetland Homestead – www.luzernehistory.org
 Tripp House – www.tripphouse.com

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Co-op Farmers Market, Scranton – www.coopfarmersmarket.com
 Farmers Market Wilkes-Barre – www.wilkes-barre.pa.us/farmersm.php
 Fine Arts Fiesta Wilkes-Barre – www.fineartsfiesta.org
 First Friday Scranton – www.firstfridayscranton.com
 First Night Scranton – www.firstnightscranton.com
 Great Tastes of Pennsylvania Wine and Food Festival – www.splitrockresort.com
 Harford Fair – www.harfordfair.com
 La Festa Italiana – www.lafestaitaliana.org
 Lackawanna River Corridor Association RiverFest – www.lrca.org
 Luzerne County Fair – www.luzernecountyfair.com
 Northeast Fair – www.northeastfair.com
 Pittston Tomato Festival – www.pittstontomatofestival.com
 The Race of the Saints – www.stubaldoday.com
 Saint Ann's Solemn Novena – www.stannsmasterybasilica.org
 Santa Parade, Scranton – www.santaparade.net
 Santa Parade, Wilkes-Barre – www.wilkes-barre.pa.us/christmasparade.php
 Saint Patrick's Day Parades – www.pittstoncity.org/saint-patricks-day-parade
 Scranton – www.stpatparade.com
 Pittston – www.pittstoncity.org/saint-patricks-day-parade
 Wilkes-Barre – www.wilkes-barre.pa.us/stpats.php
 Second Friday Art Walk, Pittston – www.pittstoncity.org/second-fridays
 Third Friday Wilkes-Barre – www.thirdfridaywb.com
 Wayne County Fair – www.waynecountyfair.com
 Wilkes-Barre's Saint Patrick's Day Parade – www.wilkes-barre.pa.us/stpats.php
 Wyoming Valley Riverfest – riverfrontparks.org

CASINOS & RESORTS

Cove Haven – www.covepoconoresorts.com
 Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs – www.mohegansunpocono.com
 Mount Airy Casino – www.mountairycasino.com
 Woodloch – www.woodloch.com
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